

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – July 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Oberlin called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Oberlin, Clerk Benson-Stafford, Treasurer Nelson, Trustees Franzene and Bobnock were present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Superintendent Benson; ZA Oberlin; PC- Nelson; Pat – Park Host; County Comm Brennan; Residents. Assr Erhart was absent.

ATTENDEES

A motion was made by Bobnock to approve the April minutes. Supported by Franzene. All ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of June 2017 was submitted. A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to accept the report. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Oberlin, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 158,109.40
Sewer Fund:	\$ 92,820.32
Water Fund:	\$ 319,775.41
Road Fund:	\$ 197,048.52
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Comm Brennan was present. He stated that the County approved a program for free health discount cards for prescriptions. There are also options to cover dental, hearing aids and pets. The County Administrator has seen success with this program in other areas. / The report from the Auditors stated that the County had a good audit and is financially sound. / Brennan wanted to note that the County Veterans have a very good office to receive service from.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects – Ponozzo Rd – Supervisor Oberlin stated that initially it looked like the gravel would not get crushed until late this year but the County found another Vendor – North Star Crushing, Escanaba. They will start crushing in about a 1.5 weeks. The gravel still might not get put on the roads until next year. It was noted that FAI bid for gravel was less than Gasser's however the cost to transport the gravel would have erased any savings. As a good faith gesture Gasser gave a \$5000 discount. A motion was made by Nelson to commit \$57500 for the Ponozzo Rd gravel project. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes; Franzene, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Larry Nelson noted that he doesn't feel the Township should be paying for the Ponozzo Rd gravel. He feels that it should be the Counties responsibility. Oberlin stated that the County is going to haul and spread the gravel. Another resident noted that Plum Creek should kick in money for the roads, they tear them up with their logging trucks.

ROAD PROJECTS/  
PONOZZO RD

Wagner Lake Rd – The blacktop project is tabled. We have to think about waterline replacement before a road project can be done.

WAGNER LK

Chip Seal – A motion was made by Benson-Stafford to SCS Sec 16 & Sec 22 Rd at a bid of \$39739.40 minus the County portion of \$15000 = \$24739.40. Supported by Franzene. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes; Oberlin, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Oberlin stated that the County recommended holding off on East & West Park Drives because as part of the Sunset Lake Rd project the first 100' of these roads will be included in the County project.

CHIP SEAL PROJECTS

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**SPECIAL PROJECTS (cont'd)**

Dust Control – Oberlin stated that dust control went well. Wayne Koski/Parks Farm Rd property owner thanked the board for dust control on the Bates stretch. / Oberlin had spoken to the County and they did the gravel work on Erickson Rd which then received dust control also. It was noted that with all of the rain the county was still working on some washouts.

DUST  
CONTROL

Road Discussions – A resident noted that Kofmehl Rd is bad. Oberlin stated the Stambaugh Twp will not chip seal any roads. It was noted that Demboski Rd has some bad bumps. Oberlin noted that they may hot seal Sunset Shores Rd next year and cold patch Demboski next year.

ROAD  
DISCUSSION

Anderson Rd Waterline – There was a discussion about the options and the cost. Trustee Franzene stated that the Twp has an 8" line on Anderson Rd. It isn't the Townships responsibility to run the line to the resident's property, however he said maybe the Township could split the first 700' cost. Employee Benson stated that the residents have been very cooperative. Bobnock stated that these are longtime residents and he isn't opposed to the Township employee's helping the Vendor put in the lines as part of the Township's cooperative effort. Employee Benson stated that there has to be an agreement that the township has the ability to "shut off" any individual service. Action was tabled until next meeting.

ANDERSON  
RD WTRLINE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – ZA Oberlin gave his report. There were 5 new permits issued. He is working with a builder on a previously issued permit and waiting for a new application from another party. 0 new violations. Continuing to work with old violations. He was unable to complete the bar inspection because the bar was closed until further notice. Permits issued to date in 2017 = 18. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ZONING  
UPDATE

Master Plan – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the PC will be meeting Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the hall to review along with WUPPDR the most current draft of the Master Plan.

MASTER  
PLAN

Hall/Shop LED Lighting – Supervisor Oberlin stated that the supplies are in, the project will begin and once it's finished the application for rebate will be applied for.

LED  
LIGHTING

Bates School Acquisition – Supervisor Oberlin stated that there are good renters in the building. There are grants available for maintenance once the municipality owns the building. There is nothing new to report.

BATES  
SCHOOL  
ACQUISIT.

DNR Grant / Bates Rec Plan – Nothing new to report. Clerk Benson-Stafford will follow up with GEI regarding a cost to update the current plan.

DNR GRANT  
/REC PLAN

Street Lighting – There was board discussion about the annual cost and the possibility of eliminating some of the lights. UPPCO will be contacted to check the protocol on turning them off; and if necessary turn on again. No action taken.

STREET  
LIGHTING

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Assessor Report – Assessor Erhart was not present but provided a report. She stated that in 2016 there were 603 PRE parcels, as of July 1<sup>st</sup> there were 602 PRE parcels. There were 36 transfers of ownership during the first 6 months of the year. The July BOR is the 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM at the hall. A copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.

ASSESSOR  
REPORT

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

MDEQ Water Asset Mgmt. Plan Requirements – Supervisor Oberlin stated that this is another state mandate. We are currently looking into the requirements.

MDEQ WTR  
ASSET MGMT  
PLAN

Special Election – Clerk Benson-Stafford reminded everyone that there is a special election on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Polls are open from 7:00am – 8:00pm. There is a Bates Twp 2-Mil Road Millage Renewal & a Senior Centers Millage on the ballot. If anyone needs an absent voter ballot they should request an application as soon as possible.

SPECIAL  
ELECTION

Park Hosts Report– Pat Nicholson was present to give a report. There was a lengthy discussion about the need for additional signage, should large weddings be allowed; the problem of geese on the beach; people just coming to the park to use the showers; people using the “changing house” as a restroom. The Board agreed to do further research and update the current ordinance. Tabled to next meeting. (Copy of the report will be kept on file with the Clerk.)

PARK  
REPORT

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall/Shop– Nothing new to report. / Water – Discussions are ongoing with the Anderson Rd residents. No action taken at this time. More research into costs will be done. / Sewer – Lightning strike will be reported to insurance company. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – See above. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. /

**GUEST COMMENTS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

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**INVOICE APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Trustee Franzene to pay the township invoices. Supported by Treasurer Nelson. Roll call vote: Franzene, yes; Nelson, yes; Oberlin, yes; Bobnock, yes; Benson-Stafford, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Treasurer Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 @ 6:00 PM.

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Barbara Benson-Stafford, Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_